



August 9, 2023

Jeffrey Chang
PPDC Designated Federal Officer
By email: chang.jeffrey@epa.gov

Re: PPDC Membership 2023

Dear Mr. Chang:

The Biological Products Industry Alliance (BPIA) greatly appreciates the work of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). Please accept this letter of recommendation for Karen Warkentien who is applying for a “pesticide Industry” seat on the PPDC. Karen currently serves as Director of Regulatory Affairs for BPIA member company AgroSpheres, Inc.

Karen has a great deal of experience related to all types of pesticide products. She started out her career working in EPA’s OPP doing human exposure assessments. Later, she moved on to working for industry handling conventional pesticides for agricultural use and eventually to the then newly developing biopesticide space. As a consultant, Karen worked on antimicrobial products, on-animal products, as well as conventional pesticides and biopesticides for agriculture, turf, and consumer use. Karen’s recent career moves have brought her back to biological products. Over the years, Karen has participated in numerous trade associations in addition to BPIA including BIO, CBC, CLA, CPDA, and HCPA. She is an extremely active volunteer and has held a variety of leadership positions in these various organizations.

BPIA believes Karen would be a valuable addition to the PPDC. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 570-1411 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Keith J. Jones'.

Keith J. Jones
Executive Director